

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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MOST UNSAFE AIRLINES  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India has been rated as the third most unsafe commercial airlines by German's Jet/Airliner Crash Data Evaluation Centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Air India has taken any steps to improve its safety and image globally;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Madam. However, due to continuous efforts in this regard, Air India is the first airline in the country and amongst the first 10 in the world to have IATA Operational Safety Audit Certification, which is a benchmark for aviation safety norms.

(b): Germany's Jet Airliner Crash Data Evaluation Center (JACDEC) has culled the data on Air Crashes and Fatalities in the last 30 years after factoring in International Safety benchmarks. Significantly, the survey did not allow for the cause of a crash. During this period, there have been 7 fatal accidents in Air India and one which involved an Air India Express plane. As Air India Express is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, the accident pertaining to it should not have been taken into account for ranking Air India. Hence, the data utilized by JACDEC for the ranking is factually incorrect.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The safety measures are continuously evolved for improvement by Air India by way of FOQA I CVR I DFDR monitoring, Pilot Counseling, PIB and where necessary Safety Enhancement Training (SET) is given to pilots involved in any accident / incident in consultation with DGCA Air Safety Directorate. Air India has also successfully implemented Safety Management System (SMS) programme in all relevant departments to enhance its safety standards in compliance with DGCA CAR. Section 5 on AIR SAFETY which provides for Flight Safety Awareness & Accident/ Incident prevention programme, which is mandatory for Airlines to adopt. Strict Compliance with the laid down safety norms is being made by Air India.

(e): Do not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.